

**RESOLUTION RE: ORA ELDER
RETIRED PRINCIPAL OF THE SMYTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, after 38 years of faithful and dedicated service to the public school children of the City of Chicago, Ora Elder has retired from the Chicago Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, at the time of her retirement, Ora Elder was the principal of the Smyth Elementary School, located on the south side of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Ora Elder began her career with the Chicago Public Schools as a 3rd grade teacher at the Oakenwald-North school; and

WHEREAS, Ora Elder also served as a special education resource teacher and as a curriculum writer and assistant principal, going on to become the principal in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Ora Elder is an experienced and dedicated educator who is widely respected and acknowledged for her professional expertise and personal approach with students and parents; and

WHEREAS, Ora Elder will be greatly missed by the students and faculty of the Smyth Elementary School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 23rd day of June, 2004, do hereby extend to Ora Elder our heartiest congratulations upon her retirement as a Principal, and offer to her our sincerest and best wishes for good fortune and prosperity, as well as our gratitude for her contributions to the education and development of the children of Chicago.